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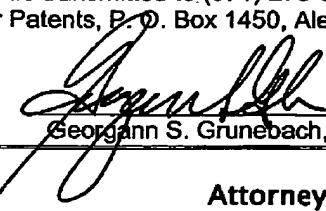
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Please find attached Re:

Inventor: CHELINE et al. Serial No.: 09/938,443

Filed: August 23, 2001

For: AUTOMATED CONFIGURATION OF A VIRTUAL PRIVATE NETWORK

- > Amendment Transmittal (1 page)
- > Amendment Response to PTO Communication of June 8, 2005 (16 pages)

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In re Application of: CHELINE et al. : Date: September 12, 2005
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 Filed: August 23, 2001 : Examiner: Olga Hernandez

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
 Commissioner for Patents
 P.O. Box 1450
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Sir: Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

Applicant believes that no extension of time is required to respond to the Office Action dated June 8, 2005. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

No additional fee for claims is required.

The fee for claims has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
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TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT:						\$ <u>00.00</u>

Charge \$ 00.00 to Deposit Account No. 50-0383 of The DIRECTV Group, Inc. (formally Hughes Electronics Corporation), El Segundo, California. Please charge any additional fees for claims or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0383. If any additional extension fee is required, please charge to Deposit Account No. 50-0383.

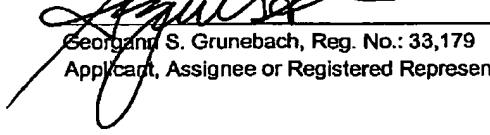
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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed June 8, 2005,
Applicants provide the following amendments and remarks: